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1. Prior to the summer of 1950 an infantry unit was quartered in Techonin (P 51/H 30). A reserve officer school had previously been located there.
2. An infantry element of an infantry unit in Rokytnice (P 51/H 21) was in Klatov nad Orlici (P 51/H 20).
3. A school for administrative officers was in Rokytnice. Its commander was reported to be Division General Hanus (fmu). Tactics instructor was Major Frantisek Markalous, and athletic instructor was Captain Svoboda (fmu). (1)
4. An infantry unit was stationed in Rychnov nad Kneznou (O 51/H 00). (2)
5. A light and a medium motorized artillery unit was said to be located in Kostelec nad Orlici (O 51/H 00) (3).
6. The SNB district headquarters in Zemberk (P 51/H 20) was located in the building of the ONV (Okresny Nadradny Vybor - county administrative office). It was staffed by five SNB members and three civilian employees. The SNB posts assigned to the Zemberk district headquarters had the following complements:

Zemberk	:	3 NCOs	16 EM
Kynsperk (P 51/N 29)	:	1 NCO	7 EM
Jablonne nad Orlici (P 51/N 39)	:	1 NCO	6 EM
Kraliky (P 51/H 40)	:	1 NCO	12 EM
Rokytnice	:	1 NCO	7 EM
Kunstat (P 51/H 22)	:	?	?
Bartosovice (P 51/H 21)	:	1 NCO	7 EM
Klasterec nad Orlici	:	1 NCO	4 EM
Bybna nad Zdohnici (P 51/H 11)	:	1 NCO	2 EM (4)

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Comments.

(1) When the Sudetenland was part of Germany, a school for army paymasters was in Rokytnice. The administrative officers of the Czechoslovakian Army are trained at the Academy for Rear Services during the second course which also is located

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in Rokytnice. A General Hanus was mentioned to be Chief of Staff of the air force in 1949. It does not seem likely that he is the Hanus mentioned in the report.

(2) The 69th Mtz Inf Bn was located there in October 1949. [REDACTED] 25X1

(3) In 1948, the 309th Mtz Arty Bn which was then assigned to the 23d Arty Brig was located in Kostelec. [REDACTED] Since it is believed that the CHQ artillery was reorganized, the unit mentioned is possibly no longer there. 25X1

(4) The strength of the SMB posts assigned to the SMB district headquarters shows that only small SMB detachments are stationed along the Czech-Polish border.

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